



Testimony of Anne Hulick, RN, MS, JD;  
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Before the CT General Assembly's Environment Committee, February 28, 2014 on behalf of CT Clean Water Action and the Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Connecticut

**Testimony in support of SB 67 AAC The Inclusion of Juices, Teas and Sports Drinks Under Connecticut's Bottle Bill.**

Good afternoon Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile and distinguished members of the Environment Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I speak in support of SB 67 and also hope that you will consider strengthening it further.

My name is Anne Hulick, and I am the Co-Director of CT Clean Water Action and the Coordinator of the Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Connecticut (Coalition). I am also a nurse with many years of experience in environmental health. Clean Water Action is a national, non-profit organization that works on protecting our nation's waterways, environment and public health.

Clean Water Action supports SB 67 and the measures Connecticut has taken to reduce waste ending up in our landfills, incinerators and as litter. SB 67 is another step in the right direction. However, as currently written, the bill adds only three beverages to the list requiring deposits. Clean Water Action strongly supports requiring all single serving beverage containers, including wine bottles and liquor bottles. We also support raising the handling fee as this would have a positive impact on the rate of recycling and help stores with the collection process. All of these steps will help Connecticut improve our recycling and reuse of plastic and glass, reduce trash and help to improve our environment.

Clean Water Action urges you to support SB 67 and work to strengthen it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne B. Hulick".

Anne Hulick